

**REMARKS**

These remarks are set forth in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed May 18, 2006. As this amendment has been timely filed within the three-month statutory period, neither an extension of time nor a fee is required. Presently, claims 1 through 22 are pending in the Patent Application. Claims 1, 6 and 16 are independent in nature. In the Non-Final Office Action, each of claims 1-4, 6-14 and 16-21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 20050152234 by Estrada et al. (Estrada) in view of DzSoft, Turn Powerpoint Presentations into Stand Alone Slide Shows, downloaded on May 14, 2006 from <http://web.archive.org/2003001171832/dzsoft.com/dzshow-powerpoint.htm> (DzSoft). Additionally, claims 5, 15 and 22 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Estrada in view of DzSoft and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,108,696 to Mendhekar et al. (Mendhekar).

In response, the Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections on the art. Prior to further addressing the rejections on the art, however, a brief review of the Applicants' invention is appropriate. The Applicants have invented a system, method and apparatus for converting a slide show presentation for use within a non-presentation application such as a Web conferencing or virtual classroom application. In the Applicants' invention, a slide show presentation in its native format can be processed to extract slide title information for each slide in the slide show presentation. Additionally, important text within in slide further can be extracted. Each slide in the slide-show can be converted to a raster image and disposed within markup. The markup can be annotated with the important text and both the markup and the slide title can be provided to the non-

presentation application for use in concert with the non-presentation application. In this way, the context of each slide can be preserved for use within the non-presentation application as can an image of each slide itself.

Turning now to the rejections on the art, DzSoft teaches a tool for converting a Powerpoint presentation into a standalone executable slide show that does not require the presence of Microsoft Powerpoint to display. As a plain reading of the DzSoft reference will reveal, the DzSoft tool merely takes each slide in the Powerpoint presentation and converts each slide into a separate, raster image (a JPEG formatted file). The Examiner in paragraph 4 of the Office Action (page 3), indicated that the DzSoft "teaches contextual data in the form of frame identification" and "adding annotations to a slide". The Applicants after a careful reading of all four pages of the DzSoft reference have been unable to locate any such text or inferred teaching.

Importantly, independent claim1 of the Applicants' patent application requires the presence of "a slide show conversion process configured for coupling to a non-presentation application and programmed both to extract contextual data from said slide show in its native format, and also to convert associated slides in said slide show to raster imagery for use in said non-presentation application". Independent claims 6 and 16 similarly require "extracting a slide title for a first slide in the slide show presentation", "converting the first slide into a raster image", and "disposing both the slide title and the raster image in a markup language document". In as much the DzSoft reference fails to teach the "extraction of contextual data from the slide show (in its native format)", the combination of Estrada and DzSoft cannot support a prima facie case of obviousness under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

To that end, the Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) owing to the foregoing remarks. The Applicants request that the Examiner call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any matter within this Amendment, or if the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

Respectfully submitted,

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